

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

Item # 39

SUBJECT: Acceptance of a Federal COPS grant from the Department of Justice

DEPARTMENT: Sheriff's Office **DIVISION:** _____

AUTHORIZED BY: Sheriff Eslinger **CONTACT:** Penny Fleming **EXT.** 6617

Agenda Date 9/9/03 **Regular** ☐ **Consent** ☒ **Work Session** ☐ **Briefing** ☐
Public Hearing – 1:30 ☐ **Public Hearing – 7:00** ☐

MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

Approval by the Board of County Commissioners for the Chairman to sign for the acceptance of the COPS grant and to recognize the addition of eight (8) new Deputy Sheriff positions to the Sheriff's Office budget, increase the Sheriff's Office FY 2003/04 budget by \$200,000 and General Fund grant revenues by an equivalent amount.

BACKGROUND:

At its June 11, 2002 meeting, the Board of County Commissioners authorized the Sheriff's Office to apply for a COPS grant to provide for the hiring of eight (8) new Deputy Sheriff Positions. Due to delays at the federal level associated with the formation of the new Homeland Security Department, the Sheriff's Office has just recently been notified that the submitted grant application has been approved. As is the case with all COPS grants, funding would be at the level of \$25,000 per position (\$200,000 total) on an annual basis for three years. In anticipation of receiving this grant, the Sheriff's Office included required grant match funds in the amount of \$80,000 in its FY 2003/04 budget submittal. At the conclusion of the grant period, the Sheriff's Office would be required to fund the positions utilizing General Fund revenues.

The philosophy of the Sheriff's Office is to only seek grant funding for positions and /or programs that are deemed necessary and required in serving the public. Given current budget constraints, the review process for requesting new positions and programs is quite extensive. Once new positions / programs are approved within the Sheriff's Office, grant revenues and other funding sources are sought out in an attempt to reduce the fiscal impact on the General Fund to the greatest extent possible. These eight new Deputy Sheriff positions will be utilized in the Seminole Neighborhood Policing program to staff existing community service areas (CSA's) in order to increase visibility, serve areas experiencing increasing calls for service, and lower response times.

Reviewed by:

Co Atty: _____

DFS: Dr. AKM

Other: _____

DCM: SS

CM: VB

File No. CSHO00

MEMORANDUM: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES 1703-03-070

TO: Kevin Grace, County Manager

FROM: Penny Fleming, Chief, Administrative Services *PF*

DATE: August 25, 2003

SUBJECT: Board of County Commissioners Grant Approval Request

The Seminole County Sheriff's Office has received a \$600,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice – Office of Community Oriented Policing Services for the hiring of eight (8) new Deputy Sheriff Positions. This funding will be at the level of \$25,000 per position (\$200,000 total) on an annual basis for 3 years. There is a required 25% match, which is already included in next year's approved budget. The Seminole County Sheriff's Office is requesting the Board of County Commissioners approval for the Chairman to sign the Certificate of Acceptance for the award.

It is respectfully requested that this item be placed on the agenda for the Board of County Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2003.

The Certificate of Acceptance form to be signed is attached.

If you have any questions regarding this agenda item, please contact Chief Penny Fleming at 665-6617 or Rob Forlini at 665-6536.

C: Ray Hooper
Acting Director of Fiscal Services



U. S. Department of Justice
Office of Community Oriented Policing Services
COPS Universal Hiring Award

BACK/UP ITEM # 39 S-0

Application Organization's Name: Seminole County

Grant #: 2003ULWX0006

ORI #: FL05900

Vendor #: 596000860

Law Enforcement Executive Name: Sheriff Donald F. Eslinger

Address: 100 Bush Boulevard

City, State, Zip Code: Sanford, FL 32773

Telephone: (407) 665-6635

Fax: (407) 665-6585

Government Executive Name: Chairman Daryl McClain

Address: 1345 28th Street

City, State, Zip Code: Sanford, FL 32773

Telephone: (407) 665-7200

Fax:

Award Start Date: 6/1/2003

Award End Date: 5/31/2006

Award Amount: \$ 600,000

Number of Officers: Full Time: 8

Part Time: 0

JUN 27 2003

Carl R. Peed
Director

Date

By signing this award, the signatory officials are agreeing to abide by the Conditions of Grant Award found on the reverse side of this document:

Signature of Law Enforcement Executive with the
authority to accept this grant award.

Donald F. Eslinger, Sheriff

Typed Name and Title of Law Enforcement
Executive.

Date

8/25/03

Signature of Government Executive with
the authority to accept this grant award.

Typed Name and Title of Government
Executive.

Date